

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND

On or about September 18, 2018 the State of Florida charged Sutton with one count of lewd and lascivious conduct, triggering a warrant for Sutton's arrest. Specifically, the State of Florida charged that on or between May 1, 2018 through May 22, 2018, Sutton did intentionally touch a minor under sixteen (16) years of age in a lewd or lascivious manner by rubbing the top of her buttocks.

On or about September 29, 2018, the Honorable Michael A. Usan, County Court Judge in and for Broward County, Florida, issued a jail hold, no bond arrest warrant for Sutton for the charge of lewd and lascivious conduct. On or about October 26, 2018, Sutton was arrested by the Lauderhill Police Department and taken into custody by the Broward Sheriff's Office for the charge of lewd or lascivious conduct by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older, in violation of Florida State Statute 800.04(6)b.

On or about October 27, 2018, the court entered a pre-trial supervision order in which Sutton was placed on a global positioning system (GPS) for monitoring and **was prohibited from having contact with any minors**. On or about November 7, 2018, the court entered an order permitting Sutton to have contact with his biological children and supervised contact with other minors during holidays.

In responding to a request from Sutton in March 2019 to travel to Orlando, the Court ordered, once again, that Sutton may only have supervised contact with minors that are related to him with their guardian's consent.

Sutton's criminal case is pending. Sutton continues to be paid as a teacher, despite that he is prohibited from having contact with non-biological minors by court order.

The Administrative Counsel prepared the Administrative Complaint and notice was served on Sutton on January 9, 2020, that a recommendation for his termination will be presented to the School Board. On February 4, 2020, The School Board adopted the Superintendent's recommendation for termination.

General Counsel prepared and issued a notice of hearing for May 5, 2020.

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